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<p><b>UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL</b> <b>(Large Entity)</b></p> <p><i>(Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 CFR 1.53(b))</i></p>	<p>Docket No. <b>BIW-RING</b></p> <p>Total Pages in this Submission <b>19</b></p>
<p><b>TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS</b></p> <p>Box Patent Application Washington, D.C. 20231</p>	
<p>Transmitted herewith for filing under 35 U.S.C. 111(a) and 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b) is a new utility patent application for an invention entitled:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Rigid Support Ring Molded into Elastomeric Connector Lip</b></p>	
<p>and invented by:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Roger C. Williams (and) Eckhard S. Konkel</b></p>	
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<p>Enclosed are:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Application Elements</b></p>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Filing fee as calculated and transmitted as described below</li> <li>2. <input type="checkbox"/> Specification having <u>12</u> pages and including the following:       <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Descriptive Title of the Invention</li> <li>b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cross References to Related Applications (if applicable) <u>Provisional</u></li> <li>c. <input type="checkbox"/> Statement Regarding Federally-sponsored Research/Development (if applicable)</li> <li>d. <input type="checkbox"/> Reference to Microfiche Appendix (if applicable)</li> <li>e. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Background of the Invention</li> <li>f. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brief Summary of the Invention</li> <li>g. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brief Description of the Drawings (if drawings filed)</li> <li>h. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Detailed Description</li> <li>i. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Claim(s) as Classified Below</li> <li>j. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Abstract of the Disclosure</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	

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3.  Drawing(s) (when necessary as prescribed by 35 USC 113)  
a.  Formal Number of Sheets 1 sheet, 4 Figs  
b.  Informal Number of Sheets \_\_\_\_\_
4.  Oath or Declaration  
a.  Newly executed (original or copy)  Unexecuted  
b.  Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d)) (for continuation/divisional application only)  
c.  With Power of Attorney  Without Power of Attorney  
d.  DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)  
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application,  
see 37 C.F.R. 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
5.  Incorporation By Reference (usable if Box 4b is checked)  
The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under  
Box 4b, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby  
incorporated by reference therein.
6.  Computer Program in Microfiche (Appendix)
7.  Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission (if applicable, all must be included)  
a.  Paper Copy  
b.  Computer Readable Copy (identical to computer copy)  
c.  Statement Verifying Identical Paper and Computer Readable Copy

## Accompanying Application Parts

8.  Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
9.  37 CFR 3.73(B) Statement (when there is an assignee)
10.  English Translation Document (if applicable)
11.  Information Disclosure Statement/PTO-1449  Copies of IDS Citations
12.  Preliminary Amendment
13.  Acknowledgment postcard
14.  Certificate of Mailing

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15.  Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) (if foreign priority is claimed)

16.  Additional Enclosures (please identify below):

CLAIM FOR BENEFIT OF PRIOR PROVISIONAL  
PATENT APPLICATION, # 60/201024, FILED ON  
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IS MADE.

**Request That Application Not Be Published Pursuant To 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)**

17.  Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2), Applicant hereby requests that this patent application not be published pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(1). Applicant hereby certifies that the invention disclosed in this application has not and will not be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral international agreement, that requires publication of applications 18 months after filing of the application.

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**Fee Calculation and Transmittal**

**CLAIMS AS FILED**

For	#Filed	#Allowed	#Extra	Rate	Fee
Total Claims	4	- 20 =	0	x \$18.00	\$0.00
Indep. Claims	3	- 3 =	0	x \$80.00	\$0.00
Multiple Dependent Claims (check if applicable)					\$0.00
				<b>BASIC FEE</b>	<b>\$710.00</b>
OTHER FEE (specify purpose)					\$0.00
				<b>TOTAL FILING FEE</b>	<b>\$710.00</b>

A check in the amount of \$710.00 to cover the filing fee is enclosed.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge and credit Deposit Account No. as described below. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

- Charge the amount of \_\_\_\_\_ as filing fee.
- Credit any overpayment.
- Charge any additional filing fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17.
- Charge the issue fee set in 37 C.F.R. 1.18 at the mailing of the Notice of Allowance, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.311(b).

  
Apr. 25, 2001  
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